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TO AMEMBASSY DJIBOUTI

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TAGS: MASS, MARR, PINS, DJ, SA

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT GOULED APPEALS FOR MILITARY TRANSPOR-  
TATION

REF: DJIBOUTI 726; JIDDA 8647

1. US RELUCTANT TO PLAY INTERMEDIARY ROLE BETWEEN GOVERN-  
MENTS IN MATTERS SUCH AS REQUESTS FOR MILITARY OR ECONOMIC  
ASSISTANCE. WE HOPE THAT DJIBOUTI'S RELATIONS WITH SAUDI  
ARABIA ARE SUCH AS NOT TO REQUIRE A DIPLOMATIC INTERMED-  
IARY. HOWEVER, SINCE PRESIDENT HASSAN GOULED'S REQUEST  
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FOR TRANSPORT VEHICLES, WHATEVER THE PRECISE REAL NEED  
MAY BE, SEEMS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WE UNDERSTAND TO BE SAG  
POLICY TOWARD DJIBOUTI, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE HELPFUL IN THIS  
LIMITED INSTANCE.

2. IF AMEMBASSY JIDDA CONTINUES TO HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH  
APPROACHING THE SAG, YOU SHOULD DO SO AND EXPLAIN THAT

HASSAN GOULED HAS DISCUSSED LACK OF TRANSPORT VEHICLES TO MEET INTERNAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY NEEDS WITH US AND ASKED OUR ADVICE ON RAISING WITH SAG THE QUESTION OF PROVIDING A NUMBER OF LONG-FRAME LAND ROVERS OR OTHER SUITABLE VEHICLES.

3. JIDDA SHOULD FURTHER SAY THAT WE DO NOT WANT TO PLAY

THE ROLE OF INTERMEDIARY, NOR ARE WE IN A POSITION TO CERTIFY THE NEED FOR 400 VEHICLES, THE NUMBER PRESIDENT HASSAN GOULED MENTIONED, BUT SINCE THIS SORT OF ASSISTANCE TO DJIBOUTI FITS WITH OUR UNDERSTANDING OF SAUDI POLICY TOWARDS THE NEW REPUBLIC, WE WONDER IF THIS IS A REQUEST THE SAG WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER. IF SO, AND IF SAG THINKS IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, WE COULD SUGGEST TO THE GROD THAT IT PREPARE TO SEND SOMEONE TO JIDDA TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL DETAILS. VANCE

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